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H. R. 323

To amend the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Act to include public libraries.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BECERRA introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Reading Enrichment
5 After-School Development Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS TO 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY**
7 **LEARNING CENTERS ACT.**

8 (a) FINDINGS.—Section 10902 of the Elementary
9 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8242)
10 is amended—

1 (1) by striking paragraph (1) and inserting the
2 following:

3 “(1) local public schools and public libraries
4 often serve as centers for the delivery of education
5 and human resources for all members of a commu-
6 nity;”;

7 (2) in paragraph (2)—

8 (A) by inserting “and public libraries”
9 after “public schools”; and

10 (B) by inserting “and libraries” after
11 “such schools”;

12 (3) by striking paragraph (3) and inserting the
13 following:

14 “(3) by using public libraries, school facilities,
15 equipment, and resources, communities can promote
16 a more efficient use of such public facilities, espe-
17 cially in rural and inner city areas where limited fi-
18 nancial resources have enhanced the necessity for
19 local public schools and public libraries to become
20 social service program and resource centers;”;

21 (4) in paragraph (4), by inserting “and public
22 libraries” after “public schools”.

23 (b) PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION.—Section 10903(a)
24 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
25 (20 U.S.C. 8243) is amended to read as follows:

1 “(a) GRANTS BY THE SECRETARY.—The Secretary is
 2 authorized, in accordance with the provisions of this part,
 3 to award grants to rural and inner-city public elementary
 4 or secondary schools, partnerships between a public school
 5 and public library, or consortia of such schools and librar-
 6 ies, to enable such schools, partnerships, or consortia to
 7 plan, implement, or to expand projects that benefit the
 8 educational, health, social service, cultural, and rec-
 9 reational needs of a rural or inner-city community.”.

10 (c) APPLICATION REQUIRED.—Section 10904(a) of
 11 the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20
 12 U.S.C. 8244) is amended—

13 (1) by inserting “, partnership between a public
 14 school and public library,” after school the first
 15 place it appears; and

16 (2) in paragraphs (1) and (3), by inserting “,
 17 partnership,” after school each place it appears.

18 (d) USES OF FUNDS.—Section 10905 of the Elemen-
 19 tary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C.
 20 8245) is amended—

21 (1) in paragraph (8), by inserting “, including
 22 how to evaluate information on the Internet” before
 23 the period; and

24 (2) by adding at the end the following new
 25 paragraphs:

1 “(14) Preschool literary programs.

2 “(15) Reading enhancement programs for
3 young people.”.

4 (e) DEFINITION.—Section 10906 of the Elementary
5 and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8244)
6 is amended—

7 (1) by inserting “or a public library” after
8 “building”;

9 (2) in paragraph (1), by inserting “and serv-
10 ices” after “programs”; and

11 (3) in paragraph (2), by inserting “, a partner-
12 ship between a public school and public library, or
13 consortia,” after “agency”.

14 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
15 10907 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act
16 of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 8247) is amended to read as follows:

17 **“SEC. 10907. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

18 “There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
19 as may be necessary for each of fiscal years 2002 through
20 2006 to carry out this part.”.

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